


EC Life Safety



FIRE SAFETY

- MEDDAC REGULATION 420-90

- **All personnel are responsible to know the evacuation routes and protocol for drills and actual emergencies** 
- **Report fire/life safety hazards immediately ...NCOIC, Safety Office, J&J (Facility Maintenance)**



R-A-C-E

R- Rescue anyone in immediate danger

A-Announce fire (CODE RED)

C-Confine the fire by closing the doors

E-Evacuate/Extinguish

Do you have a RACE/CAROL card?

In the hospital, for a fire outside your zone

- CLOSE ALL DOORS
- ASSIST IN EVACUATIONS FROM THE ACTIVE ZONES
- REASSURE THE PATIENTS/VISITORS
- OBSERVE YOUR AREAS FOR SMOKE/FIRE
- LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

Fire drills

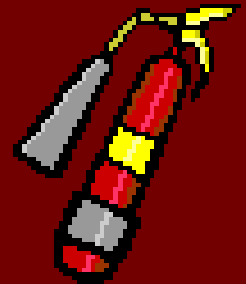


- Fire drills are conducted quarterly, all shifts for patient care areas. Annually for admin-type locations (to include the barracks).
- An EXIT DRILL REPORT must be faxed to the Safety Office after every fire drill/actual emergency (6-7771).
- WHO COMPLETES THE EXIT DRILL REPORT?? Anyone can, someone must
- Exit drill reports must be maintained in the Fire Safety book for 12 months all staff need to be knowledgeable about location and contents of the book

P*A*S*S

How to use a fire extinguisher

- P-Pull extinguisher pin
- A-Aim extinguisher at the base of the fire
- S-Squeeze handle
- S-Sweep from side to side





THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- What fire zone (s) do you work in?
- How can you tell what fire zone you are in?
- Compartmentalization...another term for fire zones...know where the zones on the floor separate (its marked on the doors)
- Where are the exits in your work area?
- If you are using stairs, where do they dump? (walk all the stairs from floor, know where you will dump out of the hospital)
- What are your assembly locations?

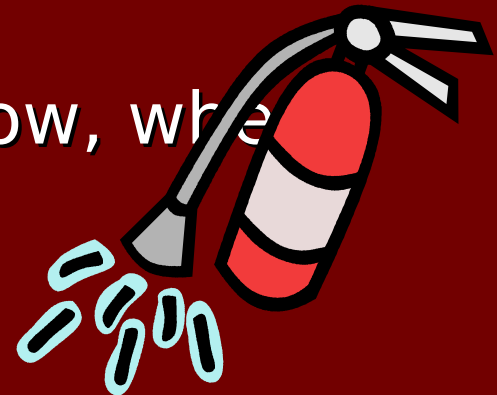
AIR HANDLER RESET



- **RED**: zone in smoke mode
- **FLASHING**: push to delay
- **SOLID**: in delay mode
- Found in OR, PACU, ICU AND L&D suite

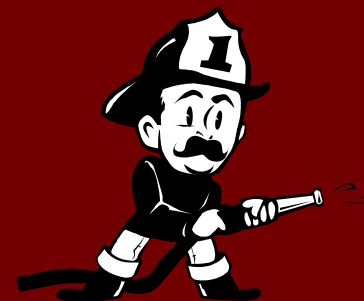


- Where are the **fire extinguishers** and **pull stations** located in your area (s) ?
- What **evacuation equipment** do you have available for use? **Straps**? How does it work?
- Where are the medical gas **shutoff** valves? Medical gas alarm...local only , need to make a call
- Gas shutoff **procedures**...how, where, who?





Fire Marshal



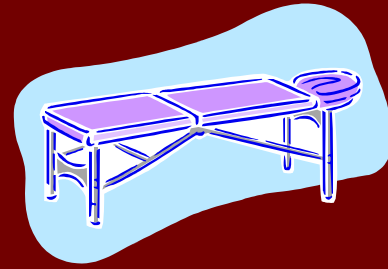
- Who is your **area** fire marshal?
- The Hospital Fire Marshal and the POC for **Hospital Fire Prevention/Life Safety** management is Kimberly Layton



EACH TOBACCO POLICY

- A strict no smoking/no tobacco policy is in effect for MEDDAC/DENTAC/VETCOM
- 1 smoking/tobacco use area for staff at EACH (outside the back loading dock)
- Patients and visitors can use the smoke/tobacco shelter outside the DFAC
- Smokeless tobaccos are included in the smoking policy...this applies to staff, visitors and patients.

New equipment/furniture



■ (5) Ensure that all fire safety requirements are included in purchase requests for all materials and equipment ordered, i.e., chemicals, compressed gases, electrical and non electrical machinery, furniture, draperies, curtains, decorations, etc. Contact the MEDDAC Fire Marshal for guidance when necessary (MEDDAC 420-90 5.e.5)





Electrical hazards

No extension cords are approved for general use

Non-medical, electrical appliances must be UL tested and approved by the NCOIC/Supervisor

Non-medical, electrical appliances must not be labeled "FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY" or listed as household.

Monthly inspection of the plugs, cords, and appliances should be conducted when the monthly fire inspections are completed.



Electrical Appliance Guidance

- *Only electrical appliances meeting the standard and tagged with a green compliant sticker are allowed for use.*
- *Cords and appliance itself must be in good working condition...no frays, cracks, etc.*
- *Heat producing appliances must have an inspection tag on cord.*
- *Monthly inspection of the plugs, cords, and appliances should be conducted when the monthly fire inspections are completed*

- Heat producing items must be inspected annually by the Area Fire Marshal and tagged noting this. (the Safety Office has more tags...and can answer questions about specific appliances if you have questions)
- Nothing gets plugged in without approval by fire marshal, NCOIC, or Safety Office.
- Compliant sticker must be affixed (these are green stickers)
- ***Ward NCOIC/supervisors are RESPONSIBLE for inspecting and approving all electrical items brought in by patients prior to use.***

- The MEDDAC Regulation 420-90 has more information. It is our written program.
- If you have any questions, comments, or concerns on anything presented, contact the Safety Office at 6.7371/4.5586 or 6.7710.